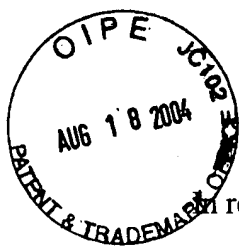


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Sir:

The instant amendment is submitted, with payment of the issue fee, in order to correct apparent errors in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability, mailed May 18, 2004.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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